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SANITARY LEGISLATION.

STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

FLORIDA.

Hotels and Restaurants—Licensing, Inspection, and Regulation. (Act June 7, 1913.)

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a hotel commission in the State of Florida for which the usual facilities for transacting its business shall be furnished the same as for other executive departments of the State government.

SEC. 2. The governor of this State is hereby required to appoint a hotel commissioner, who shall constitute the hotel commission whenever that term shall be used in this act, and who shall furnish a bond of \$2,000, approved by the secretary of State, and there is devolved upon him the duty of executing all the provisions of this act and all other acts now in force or which may hereinafter be enacted relating to hotels and restaurants. Said hotel commissioner shall receive a salary of \$2,000 per annum and traveling expenses. Said hotel commissioner shall keep accurate account of all the expenses of the said hotel commission and shall file monthly itemized statements of such expense with the auditor of public accounts, together with an account of all fees collected from applications for hotel and restaurant licenses. He shall hold office at the pleasure of the governor and shall aid in the discharge of all the duties which shall devolve upon the hotel commission. He is hereby authorized and required to make such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, in accordance with its true intent, and is to assist in the enforcement of any orders promulgated by the State board of health and pure-food department of this State relating to hotels and restaurants.

SEC. 3. That every building or other structure, and all buildings in course of construction, kept, used, maintained as or advertised as, or held out to the public to be a place where food is served and sleeping accommodations are offered for pay, to transient guests, in which five or more rooms are used for the accommodation of such transient guests and having one or more dining rooms or cafés where meals or lunches are served to such transient guests, such sleeping accommodations and dining rooms being conducted in same building, and under the same management shall, for the purpose of this act, be deemed a hotel, and only such above-described business shall have the right to the use of the name hotel, in connection with their business, and upon proper application the hotel commission of this State shall issue to such above-described business a license to conduct a hotel.

SEC. 4. That every building or other structure, and all outbuildings in connection, kept, used, maintained as, or advertised as, or held out to the public to be a place where meals and lunches are served without sleeping accommodations shall, for the purpose of this act, be defined to be a restaurant, and the person or persons in charge thereof, whether as owner, lessee, manager, or agent, for the purpose of this act, be deemed the proprietor of such restaurant, and whenever the word restaurant shall occur in this act it shall be construed to mean every such structure as described in this section.

SEC. 5. That on or before January 1, 1914, and each year thereafter, every person, firm, or corporation now engaged in the business of conducting a hotel or restaurant, or both, and every person, firm, or corporation who shall hereafter engage in conducting such business shall procure a license for each hotel or restaurant so conducted or proposed to be conducted: *Provided*, That one license shall be sufficient for each combined hotel and restaurant where both are conducted in the same building and under the same management. Each license shall expire on the 30th day of September next following its issuance. And no hotel or restaurant shall be maintained and conducted in this State after the taking effect of this act without a license therefor, and no license shall be transferable.

SEC. 6. The fee for a license to conduct a hotel and restaurant in this State shall be \$2, which shall be paid, before said license is issued, to the deputy hotel commissioner, who shall on the first day of each month pay into the State treasury all fees collected for license issued during the preceding month.

SEC. 7. The hotel commissioner shall, upon request therefor, furnish to any person, firm, or corporation desiring to conduct a hotel or restaurant the necessary application blank for a license, which the applicant shall fill in, stating the full name and address of the owner and agent of the building, or both, the lessee and manager of such hotel or restaurant, together with a full description of the building and property to be used or proposed to be used for such business, and stating the location of same, which application, upon its return to the hotel commissioner, shall be accompanied by the license fee of \$2.

SEC. 8. It is hereby made the duty of the hotel commissioner to inspect, or cause to be inspected, at least annually, every hotel and restaurant in the State, and for that purpose he shall have the right of entry and access thereto at any reasonable time; and whenever upon such inspection of any hotel or restaurant it shall be found that such business and property so inspected is not being conducted or is not equipped in the manner and condition required by the provisions of this act it shall thereupon be the duty of the hotel commissioner to notify the owner, proprietor, or agent in charge of said business, or the owner or agent of the building so occupied, of such changes or alterations as may be necessary to effect a complete compliance with the provisions of this act. It shall thereupon be the duty of such proprietor or agent in charge of such business to make such alterations or changes as may be necessary to put such building and premises in a condition that will fully comply with the requirements of this act: *Provided, however*, That 30 days' time after receipt of such notice shall be allowed for conforming to the requirements of sections 16, 17, 18, 19 of this act and 60 days' time for conforming to the requirements of sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15: *And provided, further*, That the proprietor or managing agent in charge of such business shall not be required to comply with the requirements of sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 whenever the notice herein provided for and criminal process can be served upon the owner of the building occupied by such business, who in such case shall be responsible for the performance of the requirements of such sections.

SEC. 9. Every person, firm, or corporation, who shall fail or refuse to comply with the provisions of sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and whose duty it is to so comply as provided in said sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of \$5 for each and every day he may fail or refuse to so comply; and if for 30 days after any final conviction, or any such violation, he or they still fail or refuse to comply with said sections mentioned in such notice, the building and premises involved may be closed for use as such hotel or restaurant until all the provisions of this act shall be complied with, upon 5 days' notice thereof from the hotel commissioner.

SEC. 10. Every hotel and restaurant in this State shall be properly plumbed, lighted, and ventilated, and shall be conducted in every department with strict regard to health, comfort, and safety of the guests: *Provided*, That such proper lighting

shall be construed to apply to both daylight and illumination, and that such proper plumbing shall be construed to mean that all plumbing and drainage shall be constructed and plumbed according to approved sanitary principles, and that such proper ventilation shall be construed to mean at least one door and one window in each sleeping room, also a transom as wide as the door leading into the hallway. No room shall be used for a sleeping room which does not open to the outside of the building or light wells, air shafts, or courts, and all sleeping rooms shall have at least one window and one door with a transom. In each sleeping room there must be at least one window with opening so arranged as to provide easy access to the outside of building, light wells, or courts.

SEC. 11. In all cities, towns, and villages where a system of waterworks and sewerage is maintained for public use every hotel and restaurant therein operated shall, within six month after the passage of this act, be equipped with suitable water-closets for the accommodation of its guests, which water-closet or closets shall be connected by proper plumbing with such sewerage system and means of flushing such water-closet or closets with the water of said system in such manner as to prevent sewer gas or effluvia from arising therefrom. All lavatories, bathtubs, sinks, drains, closets, and urinals in such hotels or restaurants must be connected and equipped in a similar manner both as to methods and time.

SEC. 12. In all cities, towns, and villages not having a system of waterworks, every hotel or restaurant shall have properly constructed privies or over vaults, the same to be kept clean and well screened at all times and free from all filth of every kind, furnishing separate apartments for sexes, each being properly designated.

SEC. 13. Each hotel or restaurant in this State shall be provided with a main public wash room, convenient and of easy access to guests.

(Sections 14, 15, and 16 relate to fire escapes, construction of halls, and fire extinguishers.)

SEC. 17. All hotels and restaurants in this State shall hereafter, in the said main public wash room and in view and reach of guests during the regular meal hours, and where no regular meal hours are maintained then between the hours of 6.30 a. m. and 9 a. m., and 11.30 a. m. and 2 p. m., and 6 p. m. and 8 p. m., and in each bedroom, furnish each guest with two clean individual towels so that no two or more guests will be required to use the same towel unless it has been first washed. Such individual towels shall not be less than 10 inches wide and 15 inches long after being washed.

SEC. 18. All hotels hereafter shall provide each bed, bunk, cot, or other sleeping place for the use of guests with pillow slips and under and top sheets. Each sheet to be made 99 inches long and of sufficient width to completely cover the mattress and springs: *Provided*, That a sheet shall not be used which measures less than 90 inches after being laundered. Said sheets and pillow slips to be made of white cotton or linen, and all such sheets and pillow slips after being used by one guest must be washed and ironed before they are used by another guest, a clean set being furnished each succeeding guest. And further provide mosquito nets of sufficient dimensions to cover each bed, bunk, cot, or other sleeping place for the use of guests.

SEC. 19. All bedding, including mattresses, quilts, blankets, pillows, sheets, and comforts, used in any hotel in this State must be thoroughly aired, disinfected, and kept clean: *Provided*, That no bedding, including mattresses, quilts, blankets, pillows, sheets, or comforts, shall be used which are worn out or are unfit for further use: *Provided further*, That after six months after the passage of this act no mattress on any bed in a hotel shall be used which is made of moss, sea-grass excelsior, husks, or shoddy. Any room in any hotel or restaurant infested with vermin or bedbugs shall be fumigated, disinfected, and renovated until said vermin or bedbugs are exterminated.

SEC. 20. The deputy hotel commissioner is hereby empowered to appoint and employ such office help and traveling inspectors as are necessary to carry out the terms of this act. Such inspectors shall be under the control and direction of the hotel commission and shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the hotel commission, not to exceed \$1,200 per annum, payable monthly, together with all necessary traveling expenses.

SEC. 21. All notices to be served by the hotel commissioner provided for in this act shall be in writing and shall be either delivered personally or by registered letter to the owner, agent, lessee, or manager of such building and premises or the owner, agent, lessee, or manager of such hotel or restaurant. Any person, firm, or corporation who shall operate a hotel or restaurant in this State or who shall let a building used for such business without first having complied with the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined in the sum of \$5 for each and every day he or they shall be found guilty of such noncompliance with this act, together with costs of suit.

SEC. 22. The county attorney of each county in this State is hereby authorized and required, upon complaint on oath of the hotel commissioner or other person, to prosecute to termination before any court of competent jurisdiction in the name of the State of Florida a proper action or proceeding against any person or persons violating the provisions of this act, and he shall make immediate report to State attorney.

SEC. 23. Such money as may be necessary shall be appropriated out of the general fund of the State for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act.

SEC. 24. On 60 days' notice from the passing of this law all hotels and restaurants shall screen all outside doors and windows in such manner as will meet approval of hotel inspector, in accordance with section 9 of this act.

SEC. 25. All previous acts conflicting with this act are hereby repealed.

NEW YORK.

Births and Deaths—Registration of. (Chap. 619, Act May 21, 1913.)

SECTION 1. Article 18 of chapter 49 of the laws of 1909, entitled "An act in relation to the public health, constituting chapter 45 of the consolidated laws," as renumbered article 19 by section 5 of chapter 128 of the laws of 1911, and renumbered article 20 by chapter 445 of the laws of 1912, is hereby made article 21 thereof, and sections 350 and 351 of such chapter, as renumbered sections 360 and 361 by chapter 445 of the laws of 1912, are hereby renumbered sections 450 and 451, respectively.

SEC. 2. Such chapter is hereby amended by inserting therein a new article, to be article 20 thereof, to read as follows:

SEC. 370. *Registration of births and deaths; duties of State department of health.*—The State department of health shall have charge of the registration of births and deaths, shall provide the necessary instructions, forms, and blanks for obtaining and preserving such records, and shall procure the faithful registration of the same in each primary registration district as constituted by this article and in the division of vital statistics at the capital of the State. The said department shall be charged with the uniform and thorough enforcement of this article throughout the State, and shall from time to time recommend any additional legislation that may be necessary for this purpose. The public health council may establish such rules and regulations supplementary to the provisions of this article and not inconsistent therewith, as it may deem necessary from time to time, in relation to the registration of births and deaths. Such rules and regulations shall be observed by all authorities upon whom duties are imposed by this article in connection with the registration of births and deaths.